



Docket No. 56786 (70301)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: HARMS, et al. **EXAMINER:** P. Philogene
SERIAL NO. 10/034,545 **GROUP:** 3732
FILED: December 21, 2001
FOR: LENGTHWISE ADJUSTABLE SPACE-MAINTAINER FOR
INSERTING BETWEEN TWO VERTEBRAL BODIES

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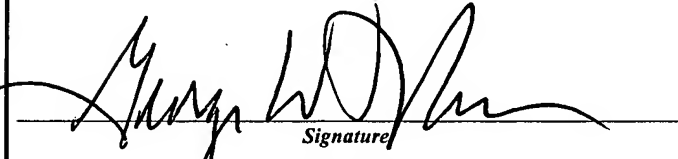
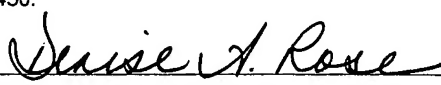
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In the Office Action dated March 20, 2003, claims 5-11 are pending and claims 5-11 are rejected. Reconsideration is requested for at least the following reasons.

The guidelines for the preferred layout of the specification are noted. However, this application was prepared for filing in Germany and filed in the U.S. under the Paris Convention. If an amendment to the specification is necessary, Applicants also will conform the specification to the guidelines.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)			Docket No. 56786 (70301)		
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Invention: LENGTHWISE ADJUSTABLE SPACE-MAINTAINER FOR INSERTING BETWEEN TWO VERTEBRAL BODIES					
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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